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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:**

Crime statistics released by the Attorney General's Office this week show that Placer County had a large decrease in violent crime over the first six months of the year.

The Attorney General's preliminary report compared the number of crimes reported January through June in 2004 and 2005. Placer County's violent crimes fell 27.1 percent, while property crimes increased 12 percent over that same six-month period.

Statewide, violent crimes were down 1.8 percent from 2004, while property crimes rose 2.9 percent in law enforcement jurisdictions serving populations of 100,000 or more.

"We are concerned with the increase in property crime, but considering Placer County's unprecedented population growth, we're quite pleased that we've seen such a reduction in violent crimes," said Bonner. "These numbers reinforce the fact that Placer County is a very special and safe place to live and that the community supports strong and effective law enforcement."

Homicide, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assaults are classified as violent crimes. Property crimes include burglary, motor vehicle theft and larceny.